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1. HAMAD AL-HAMAD, KUWAITI PARTNER OF SANTA FE DRILLING COMPANY, WHICH IS DRILLING OIL WELLS IN JIRFAN AREA NEAR BORDER WITH IRAQ, TOLD US APRIL 25 THAT DRILLING HAD BEEN COMPLETED AT 11,350 FEET ON FIRST WELL. DRILLING OF SECOND WELL HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO BEGIN APRIL 24, BUT WAS DELAYED BY SAND STORM. IT SHOULD BEGIN, AL-HAMAD SAID, IN FEW DAYS. DRILLING OF SECOND WELL LIKELY TO TAKE 28 WORKING DAYS, AL-HAMAD PREDICTED.

2. OIL MINISTRY EXPERT TOLD US APRIL 26, THAT, AS SOON AS SANDSTORM SUBSIDED, DRILLING OF A WATER WELL AT JIRFAN II, ONE KILOMETER WEST OF FIRST JIRFAN WELL, WOULD BEGIN. WATER WELL, NEEDED TO PROVIDE WATER FOR OIL DRILLING, WOULD TAKE ABOUT A WEEK. SOURCE SAID THAT
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THERE WAS NO IRAQI RIG PRESENTLY IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY ACROSS THE BORDER, BUT THAT RIG PREVIOUSLY ON IRAQI SIDE OF BORDER HAD STRUCK OIL. HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MUCH OIL, NOR WHETHER IRAQ WOULD SEND A NEW RIG TO AREA IN THE FUTURE. HE ADMITTED THAT, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, OIL AT JIRFAN WELL WAS SIMPLY AN EXTENSION OF IRAQ'S RUMAILA FIELD.

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